

## AUSTRALIAN DOCUMENTARY 1

Friday 28 October, 5.00pm | U/C 15+



### CITIZEN TO ACTIVIST

Australia | 2015 | 4:40

**Director/Producer:** David Lowe and Eve Jeffery

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Get up, stand up! How citizens turn into activists - a not particularly serious guide.



### A PLACE TO BELONG

Australia | 2016 | 18 mins

**Director:** Steve Thomas | **Producer:** Lisa Horler & Steve Thomas

*Australian Premiere*

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Michael is from Syria. Partially sighted, he lives with his two cats on a housing commission estate in Melbourne, where he works as the Residents Advocate. Over the year,s Michael has forged a unique 'mother-son' relationship with his next-door neighbour, Sylvia, a 94-year old 'Aussie battler'.



### AT MIDNIGHT

Australia | 2014 | 4:24 mins

**Writer/Director:** Amber McBride | **Producer:** Wen Yi Yan

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Maria escaped from Communist Hungary seeking creative freedom, but her husband could not tear himself away from his successful film-making career to go with her. As she attempted to build a new life in Australia, he made a feature film about her escape. His film was revolutionary for its time and wildly successful. 57 years later, this film tells her version of the story.



### **88 GIORNI NELLE FARM AUSTRALIANE (88 DAYS ON AUSTRALIAN FARMS)**

Australia | 2016 | 30 mins

**Director:** Matteo Maffesanti | **Writer/Producer:** Michele Grigoletti

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88 days on Australian farms: a journey through dreams, hopes, thoughts and experiences of some of the many young Italians who leave Italy to work thousands of kilometers far from home, picking fruit and vegetable on Australian rural farms, an unimagined experience.



### **RANGERS PAST AND PRESENT**

Australia | 2016 | 5 mins

**Writer/Director:** Chris Fitzpatrick | **Producer:** Viviana Petyarre

*Australian Premiere*

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Work as a ranger in the Australian outback is harsh, your office is an endless expanses of rural land, where everyday you've got to protect local endangered species, fend off the myriad of invasive species and worry about a dangerously dwindling groundwater supply. The Lytyentye Apurte people take their responsibilities as outback rangers very seriously.



### **DOING IT SCARED**

Australia | 2016 | 12 mins

**Director:** Matthew Newton | **Producer:** Catherine Pettman

*Australian Premiere*

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18 years after a catastrophic accident which left him with hemiplegia, climber Paul Pritchard returns to the Totem Pole to find out if he has recovered enough to finish the climb.



### **MALA'S CELLO**

Australia | 2016 | 5:30 mins

**Director/Producer:** Kelly Stoner

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When the town of Bellingen flooded, a plan was hatched that 2 years later, saw a hand-made cello, lovingly created for Mala by an instrument-maker 900 km away, help a young girl with cerebral palsy achieve a life of possibility.



### **HEART OF A QUEEN**

Australia | 2015 | 26:30

**Director/Producer:** Matthew Walker

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Embattled country singer Wanita decided she was Australia's Queen of Honky Tonk at age 3. The title remains unchallenged but everything else in her life seems to be up for grabs. As she tries to immerse herself in the Tamworth Country Music Festival her husband wants to discuss some issues closer to home.